

were well known figures in Muritai. Beryl was Kathleen's aunt Belle, whose real Christian name, Isabel, was transferred to the eldest Burnell daughter; while Charlotte's name was given to Lottie, and Kathleen of course became Kezia.

Mrs Stubbs, who kept the store, was Mrs Jones, wife of Captain H. W. Jones who was on the payroll of the Bank of New Zealand. Mrs Beauchamp had two girls called Alice in her service. The Samuel Josephs were neighbours of the Stanley Burnells in the city. My husband and I knew and talked with several of these people.

Thus I have tried to answer Mr Pritchett's question, 'Who are these people?'

'Where do they live?' We know the addresses of the Beauchamp residences in Wellington. Where was the cottage *At the Bay*?

Here there has been some difference of opinion. It has been asserted that it is the house that Mr Beauchamp owned in 1907 in Day's Bay, which he afterwards sold to Mr David W. Anderson³ – but that is not so. The geographical descriptions in the story could not have been written about that locality or that house, since the house is built very near to, and practically level with the road, and opposite a cliff; and actually the back of it rests on the sea rocks, where a wall has been erected to protect the property from the sea.

There are no streams here, no stiles, no paddocks to cross to reach the sea, no sandhills to climb over, no path running down from the house to the gate; and, the house being the next building to the wharf in those days, there was no need for a bus to take Stanley Burnell to the ferry – and – there was no bus on that road north of the wharf.

In a letter to my husband, the late Guy N. Morris, dated 8 February, 1937, Sir Harold Beauchamp wrote: '... concerning my daughter, Katherine Mansfield. Before I purchased the property – already referred to – in Day's Bay, I took a furnished cottage for my family at Muritai, and she made the acquaintance of a Mrs Jones – wife of an officer in the Bank of New Zealand – who lived only a short distance from the sea-front. She was quite an original character, and I fancy my daughter made some use of her in one or two of her sketches.'

Later, in an interview in October, 1937, Sir Harold said that the cottage was rented, on the landward side of the road about a quarter of a mile south of the Rona Bay wharf; but that he himself had never stayed a night in it. The store was on the other side of the road and about opposite the cottage. Mrs Jones kept the store. My husband identified the property as the one then owned by Mr Treadgold and formerly by Mr Allan of Veitch and Allan.⁴ On being pressed, Sir Harold said he was not sure that Mrs Jones kept the store.

I have checked with the Eastbourne Borough Council that The Glen, built at the northern corner of what was Puriri Street Extension was